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1. PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON SWEDISH ATTITUDE TOWARD UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES (UNFPC) AND ASSISTANCE TO OTHER POPULATION RELATED ACTIVITIES ARE BASED ON ECON/COMM COUNSELOR'S DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA OFFICER (PETER OSVALD) RESPONSIBLE FOR POPULATION AFFAIRS. RESPONSE TO DETAILED QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN INSTRUCTIONS MUST AWAIT AT LEAST A FORTNIGHT SINCE VOS IS AT PRESENT IN MIDST OF REVIEW AND FORMULATION OF FUTURE POLICY FOR POPULATION ASSISTANCE.

2. ACCORDING TO OSVALD, SWEDEN HAS BEEN GRANTING ANNUALLY ABOUT SKR 20 MILLION TO UNFPC, PLUS AID THROUGH WHO AND VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS. POPULATION ASSISTANCE IN TOTAL IS GETTING TO BE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT AND GOS HAS DECIDED THAT THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS SHOULD BE REVIEWED IN ORDER TO DETERMINE (1) WHERE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED AND (2) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE TO BE GRANTED THROUGH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. HE UNCLASSIFIED

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NOTED THAT THERE WAS UN MEETING IN NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 1 TO

REVIEW POPULATION PROGRAMS BUT NO FINAL DECISION WAS REACHED AND THAT A FURTHER MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 28. IN THIS REGARD, HE SAID, A DETERMINATION MUST BE MADE ON HOW RECIPIENTS COUNTRIES OF UNFPA FUNDS SHOULD BE DETERMINED.

3. IN CONCLUSION, OSVALD VOLUNTEERED THAT GOS REVIEW WILL NOT RESULT IN ANY REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE IN POLICY AND THAT WITH RESPECT TO UNFPA, GOS WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ITS ACTIVITIES, ONLY REAL QUESTION BEING THE SIZE OF INCREASED ASSISTANCE. AT PRESENT, HE SAID, THERE IS STILL NO DECISION ON ASSISTANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975.

4. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE FOLLOW UP ON REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS ASAP.
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